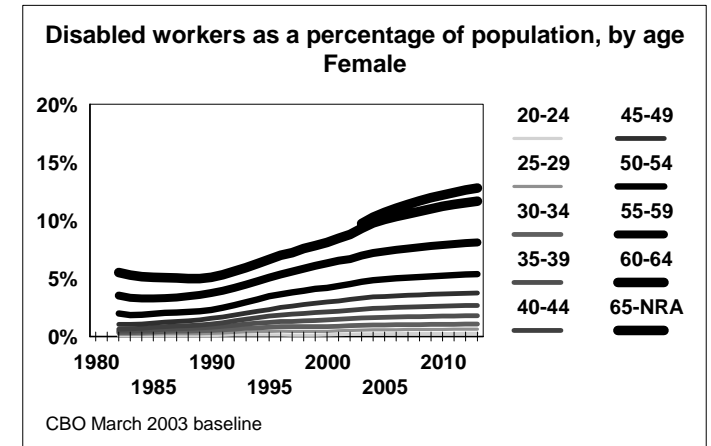
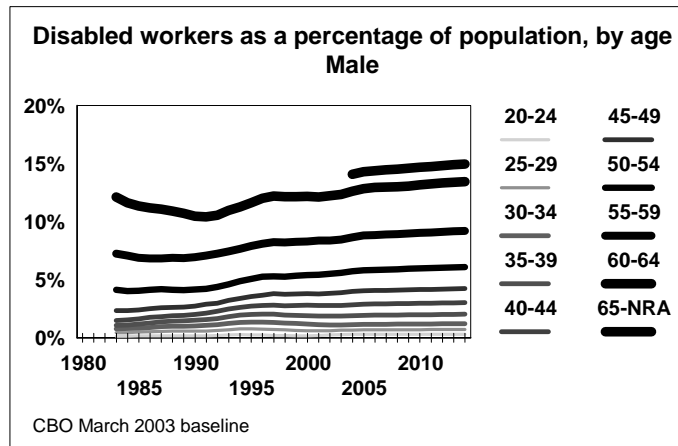


# DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS

CBO March 2003 baseline

(caseloads in thousands, outlays in billions of dollars)

	17-Mar-03	1999 act	2000 act	2001 prelim	2002 proj	2003 proj	2004 proj	2005 proj	2006 proj	2007 proj	2008 proj	2009 proj	2010 proj	2011 proj	2012 proj	2013 proj
<b>CALENDAR YEAR</b>																
<b>Beneficiaries (end of December)</b>																
Disabled workers		4,879	5,042	5,274	5,544	5,909	6,250	6,519	6,794	7,073	7,280	7,541	7,755	7,977	8,143	8,262
Men		2,801	2,856	2,952	3,070	3,244	3,406	3,529	3,656	3,788	3,881	4,005	4,106	4,212	4,289	4,343
Women		2,078	2,186	2,322	2,474	2,665	2,844	2,990	3,137	3,285	3,398	3,536	3,649	3,765	3,854	3,920
Spouses		176	165	157	152	149	145	140	135	130	123	118	113	107	102	96
Children		1,468	1,466	1,482	1,526	1,578	1,618	1,636	1,649	1,656	1,661	1,665	1,667	1,668	1,666	1,664
Total		6,524	6,673	6,913	7,221	7,636	8,013	8,294	8,577	8,859	9,064	9,325	9,535	9,752	9,911	10,022
<b>Disabled-worker awards</b>																
Men		339	339	375	409	452	455	430	446	465	478	487	499	509	518	525
Women		267	283	316	346	378	381	361	374	388	393	405	410	418	421	423
<b>Average benefit (end of December)</b>																
Disabled workers		\$755	\$786	\$815	\$834	\$861	\$887	\$917	\$949	\$983	\$1,018	\$1,056	\$1,095	\$1,137	\$1,180	\$1,227
Men		\$847	\$883	\$915	\$936	\$965	\$994	\$1,029	\$1,066	\$1,104	\$1,145	\$1,187	\$1,232	\$1,279	\$1,329	\$1,381
Women		\$630	\$661	\$689	\$709	\$734	\$758	\$785	\$813	\$843	\$874	\$907	\$941	\$977	\$1,015	\$1,056
Spouses		\$189	\$198	\$207	\$212	\$219	\$226	\$234	\$243	\$252	\$262	\$272	\$282	\$294	\$305	\$318
Children		\$216	\$228	\$238	\$245	\$253	\$261	\$271	\$281	\$291	\$302	\$314	\$326	\$339	\$353	\$367
<b>Average award</b>																
Men		\$891	\$950	\$986	\$1,020	\$1,053	\$1,076	\$1,141	\$1,184	\$1,229	\$1,278	\$1,330	\$1,385	\$1,444	\$1,506	\$1,572
Women		\$657	\$698	\$730	\$754	\$779	\$797	\$828	\$860	\$894	\$930	\$970	\$1,012	\$1,056	\$1,103	\$1,154
<b>Disabled-worker "exits"</b>																
As a % of initial caseload		-9.4%	-9.4%	-9.1%	-9.2%	-8.4%	-8.4%	-8.3%	-8.4%	-8.4%	-9.4%	-8.7%	-9.2%	-9.1%	-9.7%	-10.2%



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<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>																
Regular benefit outlays																
Disabled workers		\$41.5	\$44.2	\$47.6	\$51.8	\$56.1	\$61.5	\$66.7	\$71.9	\$77.5	\$83.3	\$89.0	\$95.4	\$101.8	\$108.5	\$114.8
Spouses		\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4
Children		\$3.6	\$3.8	\$4.0	\$4.2	\$4.5	\$4.8	\$5.1	\$5.3	\$5.6	\$5.8	\$6.0	\$6.3	\$6.5	\$6.8	\$7.1
Subtotal		\$45.6	\$48.4	\$52.0	\$56.4	\$61.0	\$66.7	\$72.2	\$77.6	\$83.5	\$89.5	\$95.4	\$102.1	\$108.7	\$115.6	\$122.2
Retroactive benefits		\$4.9	\$5.8	\$6.2	\$7.8	\$11.0	\$12.1	\$9.3	\$10.0	\$10.8	\$11.6	\$12.5	\$13.4	\$14.3	\$15.2	\$16.2
Total benefit outlays																
Disabled workers		\$45.6	\$49.1	\$52.9	\$58.6	\$66.0	\$72.4	\$74.8	\$80.6	\$87.0	\$93.6	\$100.0	\$107.2	\$114.5	\$122.0	\$129.2
Spouses		\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4
Children		\$4.4	\$4.6	\$4.8	\$5.2	\$5.6	\$6.0	\$6.3	\$6.6	\$6.9	\$7.2	\$7.5	\$7.8	\$8.1	\$8.4	\$8.8
Subtotal		\$50.4	\$54.2	\$58.2	\$64.2	\$72.1	\$78.8	\$81.5	\$87.6	\$94.3	\$101.2	\$107.9	\$115.4	\$123.0	\$130.9	\$138.4
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Equals total benefits (OMB Table 13.1)		\$50.4	\$54.2	\$58.2	\$64.2	\$72.1	\$78.8	\$81.5	\$87.6	\$94.3	\$101.2	\$107.9	\$115.4	\$123.0	\$130.9	\$138.4
<b>KEY ASSUMPTIONS</b>																
Average wage for indexing		\$30,470	\$32,155	\$32,922	\$33,601	\$34,734	\$35,988	\$37,322	\$38,779	\$40,341	\$41,999	\$43,750	\$45,606	\$47,599	\$49,725	\$51,840
Taxable maximum		\$72,600	\$76,200	\$80,400	\$84,900	\$87,000	\$88,800	\$91,800	\$95,100	\$98,700	\$102,600	\$106,500	\$111,000	\$115,500	\$120,600	\$125,700
Maximum PIA, disabled worker age 50		\$1,626	\$1,741	\$1,836	\$1,924	\$1,996	\$2,045	\$2,125	\$2,208	\$2,293	\$2,385	\$2,483	\$2,587	\$2,696	\$2,812	\$2,937
PIA for mythical "lifelong average" disabled worker, age 50		\$1,050	\$1,117	\$1,171	\$1,218	\$1,257	\$1,284	\$1,330	\$1,379	\$1,430	\$1,486	\$1,546	\$1,610	\$1,677	\$1,748	\$1,824
COLA this calendar year		2.4%	3.5%	2.7%	1.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Date		Dec-99	Dec-00	Dec-01	Dec-02	Dec-03	Dec-04	Dec-05	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec-09	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13

By convention, most Social Security program statistics are by calendar year. Because the federal fiscal year begins in October, those data essentially drive spending in the following fiscal year; for example, regular benefit outlays in fiscal year 2003 roughly equal beneficiaries times average amount in December 2002.

Details may not add to totals due to rounding. A few beneficiaries are not identified by sex.

Outlays depict benefit costs only and omit vocational rehabilitation and the payment to railroad retirement (which are mandatory) and administrative costs (discretionary).

2001 COLA includes regular COLA (2.6 percent) in December plus 0.1 percent, retroactive "mini-COLA" paid in summer 2001 as a result of P.L. 106-554.

"Exits" chiefly represent terminations due to death, conversion to retirement, medical recovery, and (for children) reaching age 18.

Retroactive benefit payments chiefly go to newly-awarded disabled workers for past months, including the months spent in processing their applications. Unusually high retroactive payments in 2002 through 2004 stem largely from processing an estimated 200,000 awards to current and former SSI recipients that SSA discovered should have received DI based on work performed after they started getting SSI. (SSA announced that finding in July 2001 and initially estimated the number of people at 130,000.) Because SSI is a needs-tested program and offsets DI benefits (except for the first \$20 a month) on a dollar-for-dollar basis, most of the extra DI costs will be offset by reduced SSI benefits and reimbursement for past overpayments. The exact timing of those large reimbursements (paid by DI to the general fund) is very uncertain.

COLA=cost-of-living adjustment, PIA=primary insurance amount, NRA="normal retirement age" (when disabled workers are converted to retired workers).